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E.O. 11652:GDS

TAGS:MASS, JO, SA

SUBJECT: SAUDI EMBASSY PAYMENT OF JORDANIAN FMS DEFAULT

REF: STATE 185952

1. DEPARTMENT HAS LEARNED THAT SAUDI EMBASSY WAS INFORMED
DIRECTLY BY FFB OF JORDANIAN DEFAULT ON JULY 12, 10 DAYS
AFTER PAYMENT DUE. SAUDIS WERE NOT PROVIDED WITH COURTESY
COPY OF BILLING AT SAME TIME AS JORDANIANS, AS WE HAD
UNDERSTOOD FFB WAS TO DO. WE UNDERSTAND AMBASSADOR
ALIREZA COMPLAINED TO DEPSECDEF DUNCAN ABOUT MANNER WHICH
FFB HAD HANDLED MATTER. DEPARTMENT IS SEEKING TO ARRANGE
WAYS TO PRECLUDE SIMILAR OCCURRENCES IN FUTURE.

2. WE HAVE ALSO LEARNED FROM SAUDI EMBASSY THAT MONEY
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WAS ARRANGED VIA SAMA. BUT IT REMAINS UNCLEAR WHETHER FUNDS
ARE PART OF 150 MILLION DOLS. AGREEMENT BETWEEN SAG AND
GOJ.

3. IF SAG OFFICIALS SHOULD RAISE ISSUE WITH EMBASSY YOU
MAY NOTE THAT WE REGRET PROCEDURES FFB FOLLOWED IN THIS CASE
AND ARE SEEKING TO PRECLUDE SIMILAR OCCURRENCES IN FUTURE.

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